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DATE: February 23, 1996**96-9603****TO:** All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the
Commission on Teacher Credentialing**FROM:** Ruben L. Ingram, Ed. D.
Executive Director**SUBJECT:** Passing Scores for Single Subject Assessments for Teaching (SSAT)

In April of 1994, the Commission selected National Evaluation Systems, Inc. (NES), as its contractor to develop and administer eight multiple-choice assessments to assess knowledge of the subject of single subject credential candidates in eight fields: Biology, Chemistry, Literature and English Language, General Science, Geoscience, Mathematics, Physics, and Social Science. In January of 1995, the Commission selected NES as its contractor to develop and administer additional assessments to assess knowledge of the subject of single subject credential candidates in additional fields including Art, French, Music, Physical Education, and Spanish to be first administered in the Fall of 1995. For each new examination, a Content Advisory Committee met in April or August 1995 and in January 1996 to develop passing standards to be recommended to the Commission for adoption. On February 1, 1996 the Commission adopted passing scores for the Single Subject Assessments for Teaching (SSAT).

The passing scores as established by the Commission are listed in the chart below. Because the scores for the science exams use a compensatory model the chart will show a passing score and a minimum score, where the examinee will have to either meet or exceed the passing score on both their specialty science tests **and** the General

Science test, **or** must obtain a total test score that is equal to or exceeds the passing score on a specialty science and General Science test **and** be above the minimum passing score for both tests.

EXAM	PASSING SCORE	MINIMUM SCORE
Art	220	N/A
English	220	N/A
French	220	N/A
Mathematics	220	N/A
Music	220	N/A
Physical Education	220	N/A
General Science	220	208
Science: Biological Sciences	220	208
Science: Chemistry	220	208
Science: Geosciences	220	208
Science: Physics	220	208
Spanish	220	N/A
Social Science	220	N/A

The attached leaflet gives further explanation of the scores as they apply to establishing subject matter competence for one of the Single Subject Teaching Credentials. If you have any questions concerning these scores, please contact the Commission's Information Services Office at (916) 445-7254 between 12:30 and 4:30 any workday afternoon.

VERIFYING SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCE SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIALS

The Commission-approved subject matter examinations which may be used to verify subject matter competence for California Single Subject Teaching Credentials are now being administered by two separate companies: National Evaluation Systems (NES) and Educational Testing Service (ETS). Beginning with the Fall 1995 test administrations, multiple choice exams will be administered by NES under the title *Single Subject Assessments for Teaching* (SSAT) and the constructed response exams will be administered by ETS under the title *Praxis Series: Professional Assessments for Beginning Teachers*. Candidates will need to register to take appropriate examinations using both the *Single Subject Assessments for Teaching Registration Bulletin* and the *Praxis Series Registration Bulletin*.

The following pages contain charts that describe the specific tests that verify subject matter competence for each of the Single Subject Teaching Credential areas. Also included are the 1995-96 test dates, registration fees, and passing scores.

If you have questions, please call the Commission at (916) 445-7254 or write to the address listed above.

TEST DATES, FEES, AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION **SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIALS**

TEST DATES:

Praxis II Examinations (Constructed Response)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration*</u>	<u>Late Registration*</u>
11/11/95	10/10/95	10/17/95
3/23/96	2/20/96	2/27/96
7/13/96	6/11/96	6/18/96

*Date registration forms must be received

Single Subject Assessments for Teaching Examinations (Multiple Choice)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Emergency Registration</u>
12/9/95	11/3/95	11/24/95	11/29/95-12/5/95
3/9/96	2/2/96	2/23/96	2/28/96-3/5/96
6/8/96	5/3/96	5/24/96	5/29/96-6/4/96

TEST FEES:

Registration (collected by test administrator)

Praxis Series(per test date)\$30
 Single Subject Assessments for Teaching\$15

Praxis Series Constructed Response

1-hour Subject Assessment\$40
 2-hour Subject Assessment\$55

Single Subject Assessments for Teaching

1 Subject Area Test\$45
 2 Subject Area Tests\$90

Service Fees (collected by test administrator)

Praxis Series

Late Registration\$30
 Test or Center Change\$25
 Standby Registration\$40
 File Correction.....\$20
 Rescoring\$30
 Additional Score Reports\$20 each

Single Subject Assessments for Teaching

Late Registration\$15
 Emergency Registration\$70
 Additional Score Reports\$15
 Rescoring\$25
 Preparation Guide.....\$6 each

The Praxis Series

Educational Testing Service
 P.O. Box 6050
 Princeton, NJ 08541-6050
 (800) 772-9476 or (609) 771-7395

SSAT

National Evaluation Systems, Inc.
 Post Office Box 34079
 Sacramento, CA 95834-0789
 (916) 928-0212

SUBJECT MATTER EXAMINATIONS FOR SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIALS

WHICH EXAMINATIONS TO TAKE

You may verify subject matter competence for a Single Subject Teaching Credential by passing the appropriate examinations displayed on the following chart. If you have already passed one or more of the previously offered examinations, your passing scores may be used for credentialing purposes for five years from the date the test was passed. The administration dates of the previous examinations are listed below.

INTERPRETING YOUR SCORES

The passing scores for each examination are listed on the chart below, following the test title and number. Some examinations are administered in two sections or modules. You can pass a test with two sections by achieving the passing score on both sections. For specified exams, you can also pass by scoring at or above the minimum in each section **AND** earning a total score that equals or exceeds the overall passing score. You may combine passing and minimum scores for several administrations, but must earn the overall passing score applicable to the last test that you take.

EXAMPLE 1: An applicant took the *Art CAPA* (Content Area Performance Assessment) on 3-27-93 and earned a score of 15 on *Module 1* and a score of 20 on *Module 2*. Although the 15 on *Module 1* is not passing, it is at or above the minimum, and the *Module 2* score is high enough to boost the overall *Art CAPA* score to 34. This is a passing score.

EXAMPLE 2: An applicant took the *Art Making* exam on 11-12-93 and earned a score of 167. This is above the minimum, but is not a passing score. The applicant then took the *Content, Traditions, Aesthetics, and Criticism of Art* exam at the next administration and earned a score of 163, which is a passing score. The overall score earned was 330. The overall passing score is 331. The applicant has not passed this two-section examination. He or she has the option of repeating either test to earn the one additional point needed to qualify for the credential.

FIELD TESTS

Individuals who took specific NTE Specialty Area Tests at a California test site between 11/90 and 9/92, also took the related CAPA field test to assist the Commission with the test validation process. Individuals who can show proof of taking one of the CAPA field tests, in a subject and on a date listed below, may use that proof to waive completion of the CAPA portion of the subject matter competence requirement.

- English, Life Science, Mathematics, Physical Science, and Social Science were field tested 11/90, 3/91, and 7/91.
- Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, and French were field tested 11/91, 3/92, 7/92, and 9/92.

APPLYING FOR YOUR SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIAL

When you have verified your subject matter competence by earning a passing score on all sections of the examinations for your subject and have completed the other requirements for the preliminary or professional clear credential explained on the Single Subject information leaflet (CL560), you may submit your application for the credential. Your application must include:

- completed application form 41-4
- current application fee
- passing score report
- thirty dollar (\$30) test development and administration fee for each subject to be listed based on the passage of one or more examinations
- verification of other requirements as applicable

SUBJECT MATTER EXAMINATIONS FOR SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIALS (continued)

SUBJECT: EXAM TYPE, TITLE, AND NUMBER

Passing

Minimum

• AGRICULTURE**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-13-93**

Agriculture (#90) 520 n/a

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Beginning 11-13-93

Agriculture (#10900) 520 n/a

• ART**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-14-92**

Art Education (#13) 620 n/a

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST & CAPA -- Passed 11-14-92, 3-27-93, or 7-10-93

Art Education Specialty Area Test (#13) 620 n/a

Art CAPA (#61)

Module 1 (Content, Traditions, Aesthetics and Criticism of Art) 17 14

Module 2 (Art Making) 16 13

Overall Art CAPA Passing Score 33

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Passed between 11-13-93 and 12-8-95

Art Education (#10130) 620 n/a

Art Making (#20131) 171 163

Content, Traditions, Aesthetics, and Criticism of Art (#20132) 160 150

Overall Passing Score for #20131 and #20132 331

SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95

Art (#12 -- SSAT) 220

Art Making (#20131--Praxis II) 171 163

Content, Traditions, Aesthetics, and Criticism of Art (#20132-- Praxis II).. 160 150

Overall Passing Score for #20131 and #20132 331

• BUSINESS**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-13-93**

Business Education Specialty Area Test (#10)..... 630 n/a

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Beginning 11-13-93

Business Education (#10100) 630 n/a

• ENGLISH**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-9-91**English Language & Literature (#04) 620 n/a
(Passage of the CLEP or CBEST verified the essay portion of this requirement during this period)**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST & CAPA -- Passed between 11-9-91 and 7-10-93**

English Language & Literature Specialty Area Test (#04)..... 620 n/a

English CAPA: English Language, Lit. & Composition: Essays (#45) 15 n/a

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Passed between 11-13-93 and 12-8-95

English Language & Literature (#10040) 620 n/a

English Language, Literature & Composition: Essays (#20042) 160 n/a

SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95

Literature and English Language (#01 -- SSAT) 220

English Language, Literature & Composition: Essays (#20042 --Praxis II) . 160 n/a

SUBJECT MATTER EXAMINATIONS FOR SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIALS (continued)

SUBJECT: EXAM TYPE, TITLE, AND NUMBER

Passing

Minimum

- **HEALTH SCIENCE** (No examination available--a Commission-approved Health Science subject matter waiver program must be completed through a California college or university)

- **HOME ECONOMICS**

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-13-93

Home Economics (#12) 650 n/a

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Beginning 11-13-93

Home Economics Education (#10120) 650 n/a

- **INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-13-93

Technology Education (#05) 640 n/a

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Beginning 11-13-93

Technology Education (#10050) 640 n/a

- **LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH: FRENCH**

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-14-92

French (#17) 680 n/a

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST & CAPA -- Passed 11-14-92, 3-27-93, or 7-10-93
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French Specialty Area Test (#17) 680 n/a

French CAPA (#63)

Module 1 (Productive Language Skills) 20 n/a

Module 2 (Linguistic, Literature & Cultural Analysis) 16 n/a

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Passed between 11-13-93 and 12-8-95
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French (#10170) 680 n/a

French: Productive Language Skills (#20171) 172 n/a

French: Linguistic, Literature & Cultural Analysis (#30172) 171 n/a

SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95

French (#11 - SSAT) 220

French: Productive Language Skills (#20171 -- Praxis II) 172 n/a

French: Linguistic, Literary, & Cultural Analysis (#30172 --Praxis II) 171 n/a

- **LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH: GERMAN**

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-13-93

German (#18) 630 n/a

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Beginning 11-13-93

German (#20180) 630 n/a

SUBJECT MATTER EXAMINATIONS FOR SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIALS (continued)

SUBJECT: EXAM TYPE, TITLE, AND NUMBER

Passing

Minimum

• LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH: SPANISH**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-14-92**

Spanish (#19) 650 n/a

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST & CAPA -- Passed 11-14-92, 3-27-93, or 7-10-93

Spanish Specialty Area Test (#19) 650 n/a

Spanish CAPA (#076)

Module 1 (Productive Language Skills) 20 n/a

Module 2 (Linguistic, Literature & Cultural Analysis) 16 n/a

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Passed between 11-13-93 and 12-8-95

Spanish (#10190) 650 n/a

Spanish: Productive Language Skills (#20192) 172 n/a

Spanish: Linguistic, Literature, & Cultural Analysis (#30193) 171 n/a

SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95

Spanish (#10 -- SSAT) 220

Spanish: Productive Language Skills (#20192 -- Praxis II) 172 n/a

Spanish: Linguistic, Literary, and Cultural Analysis (#30193 -- Praxis II) .. 171 n/a

• LIFE SCIENCE**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-9-91**

Biology & General Science Specialty Area Test (#03) 680 n/a

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST & CAPA -- Passed between 11-9-91 and 7-10-93

Biology & General Science Specialty Area Test (#03) 680 n/a

Life Science CAPA (#47) 22 n/a

NOTE: The Life Science **CAPA** passing score for the 11/9/91 test administration is 20. The passing score for subsequent administrations through 7/10/93 is 22 as listed above.**PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Passed between 11-13-93 and 12-8-95**

Biology and General Science (#10030) 680 n/a

Biology: Content Essays (#30233) 157 150

General Science: Content Essays (#30433) 150 140

Overall Passing Score for #30233 and #30433 307

(See note under Science: Biology regarding the Life Science authorization.)

• MATHEMATICS**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-9-91**

Mathematics Specialty Area Test (#06) 630 n/a

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST & CAPA -- Passed between 11-9-91 and 7-10-93

Mathematics Specialty Area Test (#06) 630 n/a

Mathematics CAPA (#44) 19 n/a

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Passed between 11-13-93 and 12-8-95

Mathematics (#10060) 630 n/a

Mathematics: Proofs, Models, & Problems, Part 1 (#20063) 170 165

Mathematics: Proofs, Models, & Problems, Part 2 (#30064) 159 152

Overall Passing Score for #20063 and #30064 329

SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95

Mathematics (#02 -- SSAT) 220

Mathematics: Proofs, Models, and Problems Part 1 (#20063 -- Praxis II) . 170 165

Mathematics: Proofs, Models, and Problems Part 2 (#30064 -- Praxis II) . 159 152

Overall Passing Score for #20063 and 30064 329

SUBJECT MATTER EXAMINATIONS FOR SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIALS (continued)

SUBJECT: EXAM TYPE, TITLE, AND NUMBER

Passing

Minimum

• MUSIC**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-14-92**

Music Education (#11) 620 n/a

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST & CAPA -- Passed 11-14-92, 3-27-93, or 7-10-93

Music Education Specialty Area Test (#11) 620 n/a

Music CAPA (#68) 24 n/a

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Passed between 11-13-93 and 12-9-95

Music Education (#10110) 620 n/a

Music: Concepts & Processes (#30111) 165 155

Music: Analysis (#20112) 169 164

Overall Passing Score for #30111 and #20112 334

SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95

Music (#13 -- SSAT) 220

Music: Concepts & Processes (#30111 -- Praxis II) 165 155

Music: Analysis (#20112 -- Praxis II) 169 164

Overall Passing Score for #30111 and #20112 334

• PHYSICAL EDUCATION**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-14-92**

Physical Education (#09) 640 n/a

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST & CAPA -- Passed 11-14-92, 3-27-93, or 7-10-93

Physical Education Specialty Area Test (#09) 640 n/a

Physical Education CAPA (#74)

Module 1 (Movement Forms-Video Evaluation) 15 14

Module 2 (Movement Forms-Analysis and Design) 15 14

Overall CAPA Passing Score 30

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Passed between 11-13-93 and 12-8-95

Physical Education (#10090) 640 n/a

Physical Education: Movement Forms-Video Evaluation (#20093) 170 160

Physical Education: Movement Forms-Analysis and Design (#30092) 158 152

Overall Passing Score for #20093 and #30092 328

SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95

Physical Education (#09 SSAT) 220

PE: Movement Forms-Video Evaluation (#20093 -- Praxis II) 170 160

PE: Movement Forms-Analysis and Design (#30092 -- Praxis II) 158 152

Overall Passing Score for #20093 and #30092 328

SUBJECT MATTER EXAMINATIONS FOR SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIALS (continued)

SUBJECT: EXAM TYPE, TITLE, AND NUMBER

Passing

Minimum

• PHYSICAL SCIENCE**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-9-91**

Chemistry, Physics, & General Science (#07) 630 n/a

NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST & CAPA -- Passed between 11-9-91 and 7-10-93

Chemistry, Physics, & General Science Specialty Area Test (#07) 630 n/a

Physical Science CAPA (#48) 22 n/a

NOTE: The Physical Science **CAPA** passing score for the 11/9/91 test administration is 20. The passing score for subsequent administrations through 7/10/93 is 22 as listed above.

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Passed between 11-13-93 and 12-8-95

Chemistry, Physics, & General Science (#10070) 630 n/a

Physical Science: Content Essays (#20482) 145 135

General Science: Content Essays (#30433) 150 140

Overall Passing Score for #20482 and #30433 295

(See note under Science: Chemistry regarding the Physical Science authorization.)

• SCIENCE : BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95**

General Science (#04-- SSAT) 220 208

Biology (#05 --SSAT) 220 208

Overall Passing Score for #04 and #05 440

Biology: Content Essays (#30233 -- Praxis II) 157 150

General Science: Content Essays (#30433 -- Praxis II) 150 140

Overall passing score for #30233 and #30433 307

NOTE: If you have passed the Biology: Content Essays exam and the General Science: Content Essays exam, you have until 9/01/96 to pass the Biology and General Science multiple choice exam (Test #10030) offered by Praxis II if you wish to earn the Single Subject Credential in *Life Science*.

• SCIENCE : CHEMISTRY**SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95**

General Science (#04-- SSAT) 220 208

Chemistry (#06 -- SSAT) 220 208

Overall Passing Score for #04 and #06 440

Chemistry: Content Essays (#30242 -- Praxis II) 155 145

General Science: Content Essays (#30433 -- Praxis II) 150 140

Overall passing score for #30242 and #30433 305

NOTE: If you have passed the Physical Science: Content Essays exam and the General Science: Content Essays exam, you have until 9/01/96 to pass the Chemistry, Physics and General Science multiple choice exam (Test #10070) offered by Praxis II if you wish to earn the Single Subject Credential in *Physical Science*.

• SCIENCE : GEOSCIENCES**SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95**

General Science (#04-- SSAT) 220 208

Geoscience (#07 -- SSAT) 220 208

Overall passing score for #04 and #07 440

General Science: Content Essays (#30433 -- Praxis II) 150 140

(See note under Science: Chemistry regarding the Physical Science authorization.)

SUBJECT MATTER EXAMINATIONS FOR SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIALS (continued)

SUBJECT: EXAM TYPE, TITLE, AND NUMBER

Passing

Minimum

• SCIENCE : PHYSICS**SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95**

General Science (#04-- SSAT)	220	208
Physics (#08 -- SSAT)	220	208
Overall passing score for #04 and #08	440	
Physics: Content Essays (#30262 -- Praxis II).....	160	150
General Science: Content Essays (#30433 -- Praxis II)	150	140
Overall passing score for #30262 and #30433	310	
(See note under Science: Chemistry regarding the Physical Science authorization.)		

• SOCIAL SCIENCE**NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST -- Passed prior to 11-9-91**

Social Studies (#08).....	630	n/a
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NTE SPECIALTY AREA TEST & CAPA -- Passed between 11-9-91 and 7-10-93

Social Studies Specialty Area Test (#08)	630	n/a
Social Science (#46)	15	n/a

NOTE: The Social Science **CAPA** passing score for the 11/9/91 test administration is 14. The passing score for subsequent administrations through 7/10/93 is 15 as listed above.

PRAXIS II SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS -- Passed between 11-13-93 and 12-8-95

Social Studies (#10080).....	630	n/a
Social Studies: Analytical Essays (#20082).....	160	150
Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (#20083).....	169	161
Overall Passing Score for #20082 and #20083	329	

SSAT and PRAXIS II -- Beginning 12-9-95

Social Science (#03 --SSAT)	220	
Social Studies: Analytical Essays (#20082 -- Praxis II)	160	150
Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (#20083 -- Praxis II).....	169	161
Overall Passing Score for #20082 and #20083	329	